

Environmentally relevant activity (ERA)

Environmental approvals

Operator knowledge assessment – question sheet

Business name	
Your name	
Position	
Date	

The following questions are designed to allow Council to ascertain your knowledge of requirements for Environmentally Relevant Activities (ERAs) and your suitability to operate an ERA. The questions are based on the general requirements of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* and Development Approval conditions, and are the types of things Council officers may be assessing when they conduct routine audits of your business.

This assessment is to be completed by the person who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the business. Your completed assessment is to be retained on-site and presented to the inspecting Council officer upon request.

Questions

1. A stormwater drain flows to?
 - a) Council sewer
 - b) Septic tanks
 - c) Creeks and catchments
 - d) Water treatment plant
2. The term, “bunding”, refers to?
 - a) A waste treatment chemical
 - b) An embankment or wall that forms part of a containment compound to contain spills
 - c) A special type of building material used on roads
 - d) A logbook used to collect waste details
3. The term, “general environmental duty”, means that a person must not carry out any activity that causes, or is likely to cause, environmental harm unless the person takes all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise the harm.
 - a) True
 - b) False
4. All potential contaminants (e.g. waste oil, chemicals, degreasers, coolants) must be stored in a covered and bunded area where stormwater and rainwater cannot be contaminated in the event of a spill.
 - a) True
 - b) False
5. It is acceptable to release contaminated wastewater into the stormwater system which kills only a few fish in a nearby creek.
 - a) True
 - b) False

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| 6. List three types of regulated wastes that must be removed by a licensed waste removalist. |
| 7. An operator of an ERA must make available a copy of the conditions of the Development Approval for all staff involved in carrying out the ERA.
a) True
b) False |
| 8. Queensland Government's DEHP is the lead agency for pollution matters in Queensland, providing the necessary ongoing support and assistance for Councils and industry for environmental management in Queensland.
a) True
b) False |
| 9. I must ensure that odours generated from activities at my premises do not emanate beyond the boundaries and cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties.
a) True
b) False |
| 10. An operator of an ERA is only required to comply with?
a) Conditions of the Approval
b) <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i>
c) Environmental Protection Regulation
d) Environmental Protection Policies
e) All of the above |
| 11. A trade waste system is generally designed to:
a) Allow people to legally swap their wastes
b) Discharge wastes into the stormwater
c) Capture, treat and dispose of liquid wastes appropriately
d) All of the above |
| 12. "Environmental harm" is the general term used to describe an adverse effect on the environment caused by the release of a contaminant that affects an environmental value.
a) True
b) False |
| 13. If there is a chemical spill resulting from the operation of my business, I should quickly clean it up and keep it quiet.
a) True
b) False |

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| <p>14. It is generally acceptable for my business to discharge wastewater substances into the sewer system without Council permission.</p> <p>a) True</p> <p>b) False</p> |
| <p>15. When regulated waste materials are removed from my premises, I should make note of?</p> <p>a) The date and time of removal</p> <p>b) The licence number and details of who removed the material</p> <p>c) How much material was removed</p> <p>d) The destination of the material</p> <p>e) All of the above</p> |
| <p>16. It is acceptable to allow dust and particulate matter from activities at my premises to accumulate where it will cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties, or be washed by rain into the stormwater system.</p> <p>a) True</p> <p>b) False</p> |
| <p>17. Used car batteries should be stored?</p> <p>a) In a bunded area</p> <p>b) In a covered area</p> <p>c) In an uncovered area</p> <p>d) All of the above</p> <p>e) a) and b)</p> |
| <p>18. All waste materials, including waste oils and hazardous wastes, can be readily placed in a skip bin or Council's general waste bins.</p> <p>a) True</p> <p>b) False</p> |
| <p>19. Air compressors and other noise producing mechanisms are best located where noise cannot cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties?</p> <p>a) True</p> <p>b) False</p> |

If you have any issues you wish to discuss further, list them below and a Council officer will discuss them with you during an inspection visit.